36TH Congress, 1st Session.

THOMAS MOODY—ADMINISTRATRIX OF.

MARCH 23, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Temperance C. Lyle, administratrix of Thomas Moody, deceased, report:

That an application was made by said Thomas Moody for a pension under the act of 1832, granting pensions to the officers and soldiers of the war of the revolution; and that in 1833, 1835, 1836, and 1853, at four several times, the same was rejected; and that upon the last examination the Commissioner of Pensions gave reasons for his rejection of said petition, which will appear from a copy of his letter marked "Exhibit A," made a part of this report.

It further appears that there is no such county in North Carolina as Irvine county, in which said deceased stated he resided; nor is there such a county in Tennessee as the one in which he claimed to have resided. For these reasons, and the doubts arising from an examination of this case, the said committee report that said claim should not be allowed, and they recommend that the same be disallowed.

Exhibit A.

Pension Office, October 17, 1853.

No. 213.

Sir: I have personally examined the papers in the application of Thomas Moody, of Alabama, for a pension under the act of June 7, 1832.

In the three declarations of Mr. Moody there are too many discrepancies and inconsistencies to justify a belief in his narrative, unless supported by other positive evidence. The only witness that has any personal knowledge of his services is John Moody, who went with him on his march to the first tour of duty. But John does not tell us the season of the year, even, when this happened; nor does he pretend

to know when the service ended. All the other evidence is merely hearsay and traditional, and can have but little force in establishing a claim. Taking it altogether, it is very far from being satisfactory to my mind that Thomas Moody was a soldier in the revolutionary army a period of six months. The claim must stand suspended.

L. R. WALDO, Commissioner.

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